

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE August 29, 2006

SUBJECT: Distribution of Funds Relating to the Master Teacher Initiative

SUBMITTED BY: Vince Yanez

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: August 3, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As defined by the State Board of Education, a Master Teacher is an individual recognized for excellence in the classroom, including the ability to improve student achievement, the ability to mentor other teachers in achieving excellence in their classrooms, and the ability to communicate effectively with their community.

In the most recent session the Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 to expand the Master Teacher Initiative in Arizona. The legislation specifies that these funds are to be appropriated to the Arizona K12 Center to administer this initiative as prescribed by the State Board of Education.

These funds will be utilized in accordance with the program framework approved by the Board on September 27, 2004. In the subsequent months staff from the Arizona K12 Center will provide updates to the Board regarding program status.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:**

That the Board authorize the distribution of funds to the Arizona K12 Center for the administration of the Master Teacher Initiative.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO []